



On Campus

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Leaving the luge to Lillehammer *Or, how the maintenance crew unstuck College Drive*

For a week in January, it seemed as if GCC was getting into the spirit of the Winter Olympics by replacing its main driveway with a new luge track. Were it not for the extraordinary efforts of the maintenance staff, College Drive might still be slicker than the best Lillehammer has to offer.

Maintenance Foreman **John Markwell** and his crew regularly arrive here at 4 a.m. on snowy mornings to begin clearing off the campus. However, the deep freeze that followed the big, ice-mixed-with-snow storm in late January created a major challenge for snow removal crews up and down the East Coast. The main roads eventually became clear, but most secondary roads and sidewalks were still thick with rutted ice when another big storm struck on February 8 and 9.

The week after the January storm, GCC's driveway was as slick as a skating rink and there were several accidents along it. The maintenance staff was spreading eight to ten loads of sand and calcium chloride every day, but, said John, "that stuff doesn't work at 20 below." Following the next storm on January 28, the crew finally saw a window of opportunity—on a Saturday. For one glorious day, the temperature would not only rise above freezing for the first time in more than a week, it was even predicted to reach the balmy 40s! Most of John's crew were called in, leaving their own ice-caked driveways behind, to try to unstuck College Drive.

There was only one problem:

every snow removal operator on the East Coast had decided to pounce on this good fortune. When John called his regular contractor to rent a grader, there was none to be found. They were all rented out. Everywhere. The same was true of the hand ice-chippers used to clear the many stairs leading into the building—the local stores were all sold out. Fortunately, John had enough of those on hand.

He then took stock of what equipment he had: a bucketloader, a small tractor and a couple of pick-up trucks with blades.

His secret weapon was a battle hardened crew: Head Maintainer **Carol Broderick**, Maintainers **Lou Hale**, **Judy Flynn**, **John Imbimbo**, **Al Minor**, **Pam Purdy** and Grounds-keeper **Tim Shippee**. But without the heavy equipment, it would not be easy.

The job took nine grueling hours from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The sun, which the forecasters said would be out

all day, didn't show until 11. By then the ice was beginning to "pop," and they could make some serious progress. By the end of the day the road was clear, but at a high price to the machinery. "It tore the equipment up," said John, ruining the bucket on the bucketloader, blowing the clutch on the tractor and busting a hydraulic arm.

But for those who must drive that road on a regular basis, it was well worth it. President **Kay Sloan**, for one. "That took a supreme effort by the maintenance crew," she said, "for which we are all extremely grateful."

So, the next snowy morning you find yourself flipping the radio dial at 6:15 to hear if GCC is closed, or the next time that you're feeling inconvenienced by having to slow it down a little on College Drive, remember January's luge track and the continuing efforts of the maintenance staff to keep it from ever coming back.

There's a dance floor, thanks to Carolyn Nims

Thanks to the generosity of faculty member **Carolyn Nims**, the college has a new dance floor. Carolyn, a professor of English, has donated \$5,000 to the college to purchase a spring-type floor for the performing arts center. The new floor was installed during intersession and is already in use. Carolyn envisions it as a multi-purpose space that can be used

by theater groups, for example, or to teach dance to children during evenings or summers, in addition to its main use.

The availability of the floor greatly strengthens the college's dance offerings. Last fall, "African Dance" and "Modern Dance" were taught by **Marilyn Middleton** and **Sharon**

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What's New

Technical Assistant **Todd Berthiaume** was praised by Greenfield Police Officer **Peter Skerritt** for helping a woman struck by a car in town in December. When Officer Skerritt arrived at the scene, Todd "and a young woman who had been waiting for a bus were standing in their shirtsleeves," according to an article in the *Greenfield Recorder*, "with temperatures in the teens." They had taken their winter coats off and put them around the victim to keep her warm.

"They stood there for at least 20 minutes," Skerritt said. "It was a grand thing they did. It was really cold. I'm glad I didn't have to take off my jacket."

Wes Brown, part-time instructor in the business division, is one of the founders of the Oriki Artists Collective in Northampton. The Collective has scheduled a number of activities and events during the past month at the Northampton Center for the Arts, including an after-school dance program, "African American, Past, Present, Future"; a "Community Sharing and Concert with Oriki" in a performance of West African drumming, singing, dancing and flute music, poetry and a capella song; and a workshop in West African dance with Martin Obeng.

Paintings by art professor **Keith Hollingsworth** were exhibited at the Pahana Gallery in Northampton January 15 to February 11.

The show, Keith's first solo effort in years, was the first exhibit at the new Main Street gallery. Keith's acrylic paintings "could almost be called abstract," wrote Christine Benvenuto in the *Daily Hampshire Gazette*, "except for one detail: nearly every canvas includes the silhouette of a hand."

Associate Academic Dean **Joan Ibish** and **Gretchen Watson**, professor of English, will attend a conference, "Enlarging Our World View: Undergraduate Education and the Middle East," in Tucson, Arizona, March 10-13. The conference is sponsored by the Southwest Institute for Research on Women at the University of Arizona.

Dean of Enrollment and Community Services **Bob Keir** was honored with a certificate of appreciation for his work as a member of the board of directors of Greenfield Community Television, GCTV6, at the board's annual meeting.

Bob's three-year term ended in January. Taking over from Bob as the GCC representative to the board is **Russell Powell**, director of marketing and public relations.

Professor Emerita **Virginia Low** has been elected president of the Friends of Greenfield Public Library.

Why Not Ask the Students?, a manuscript by math professor **Peter Rosnick**, Associate Academic Dean **Linda Cavanaugh** and former math professor **Lynn Benander**, has been accepted for publication by the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM). The NCTM's Educational Materials Committee, which recommended publication, notified Peter in December. Final editing is scheduled to be completed sometime this summer.

"The National Council of Teachers of Mathematics has published new standards for teaching problem-solving skill to elementary and secondary school students," says Linda. "Their decision to publish our teacher's manual demonstrates that the methods that we developed are on the cutting edge of math instruction."

Judy Sopenski, director of the Tri-County Partnership, has been credited with inspiring a major revision of publications produced by the Channing L. Bete Company in South Deerfield. A letter to Judy from **Laurie Devino**, vice-president and general manager of the company's government and education division, explains:

"At the time of our visit some months ago ... you had commented on the importance of using the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) guidelines to gauge the effectiveness of various prevention materials. You pointed out that several titles in our wide line of publications about alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs (ATOD) did not meet those guidelines, thus limiting the selection of those that you would use personally in prevention programs. [B]ased on your well-known work with the Tri-County Partnership, and your knowledge of the latest work in ATOD prevention research, we thought that it might be wise to listen.

"Your comments sparked an investigation of our ATOD publications that has resulted in a major revision project, the most significant in Channing L. Bete's 40-year history."

More than 100 titles were reviewed by the company, and they say that any new titles will be developed according to CSAP guidelines, as Judy suggested.

Music professor **George Soulos** is a happy grandparent these days. **Irene Rose Kadinoff Soulos**, daughter of **Danielle Kadinoff** and **Ted Soulos** of Putney, VT, is the first granddaughter of George and **Jane Soulos**. Irene was born at the Franklin Medical Center on October 28. She weighed-in at eight pounds and three ounces.

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What's new

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Coordinator of Transfer **Rob Yacubian**, who co-chairs the Massachusetts Community College Transfer Counselors Council, says that the state's 15 community colleges are trying something new this year. Their monthly meetings, instead of always being at Quinsigamond Community College, are being held at different state college campuses.

The group has already met at Worcester State and Framingham State, with Fitchburg scheduled in March and Bridgewater in April. Dialogue among admissions staffs and deans has begun to accomplish not only full credit transferring to these colleges, but better articulation, says Rob. The goal is to reach new agreements similar to those that now exist between GCC and the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and North Adams State—enabling liberal arts graduates from GCC to transfer without having to complete additional core/general education requirements.

Tours of the campus are also included in the MCCTCC meetings. "We're the only ones in New England doing this sort of thing," says Rob.

William Hefner Lecture Series, "Creating Safety in a Violent World," starts February 22

Well-known peace activist **Randall Forsberg** will lecture and hold a workshop here in April as part of "Creating Safety in a Violent World," the title of The William Hefner Lecture Series sponsored by the Traprock Peace Center. The free lectures, which begin Tuesday, February 22, will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Stinchfield Lecture Hall. The first three lectures in the series are about "clarifying the causes of violence in our society". The remaining lectures will focus on "Global violence—the role of conventional weapons".

The complete schedule is:

Tuesday, February 22
JEAN GROSSHOLTZ,
"Gender and the Roots of Violence".

Tuesday, March 1
SAM BOWLES,
"The Economic Roots of Violence".

Tuesday, March 15
WILLIAM STRICKLAND,
"Race, Economics and Violence: Domestic and Global".

Thursday, April 14
RANDALL FORSBERG,
"Conventional Weapons, Cooperative Security and International Peace" (at Smith College in Northampton).

Friday, April 15
Forsberg will repeat his presentation at GCC.

Saturday, April 16
Workshop with Randall Forsberg at GCC from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (brown bag lunch).

Tuesday, May 10
MICHAEL KLARE,
"Conventional Weapons and U. S. Foreign Policy".

Dance may be a liberal arts option by fall semester

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Arslanian, respectively, in the mini-gym. Sharon is teaching a course in jazz dance on the new floor this spring, while Marilyn is teaching the "African Dance" class again in the mini-gym.

Associate Academic Dean **Joan Ibish** expects that dance will be added as a liberal arts option by the fall semester. Required courses would include "Dance in Culture," "Dance History," and "Choreography/Performance," in addition to electives in jazz, African, ballet, modern, and tap dance. A proposal is currently before the curriculum committee.

"We didn't know what to expect when we began the courses this fall," says Joan, "and it's been a real revelation and a joy. We have both absolute beginners and some very accomplished dancers in the classes. Some of the students never dreamed that they would dance. It's been wonderful."

GCC will be the first of the state's community colleges to offer a program in dance, and the idea has been received enthusiastically by University of Massachusetts Professor **Peggy Schwartz**, head of the Five College Dance Program, who has been

"very supportive, very encouraging," says Joan, "as has **Susan Waltner** at Smith." Smith, in fact, has loaned GCC the thin finish layer that sits atop the floor funded by Carolyn. "There's lots of dance education going on in the valley," says Joan, "and that should facilitate transfer."

"We are extremely grateful for Carolyn's gift," Joan adds. "She has been the driving force behind the establishment of this program. The floor provides us with a usable, versatile space for dance and other arts, enriching the entire community."

Spring Schedules

Library

Library hours for the spring semester are as follows:

Now through May 20

Monday—Thursday	8 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Friday	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday	12 noon to 6 p.m.
Sunday (after April 1)	12 noon to 6 p.m.

Spring Recess

March 28—April 1	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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The Library will be Closed

Monday, February 21	President's Day
Saturday, March 26	Spring Recess
Monday, April 18	Patriot's Day

Archibald MacLeish Collection

Tuesday and Wednesday	11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
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Fitness Center

Regular hours at the fitness center for the spring semester are as follows:

Mondays	7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Tuesdays	7 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Wednesdays	7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Thursdays	7 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Fridays	7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Faculty and staff may use the fitness center when it is closed if two people come together. The fitness center will not be open officially on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., so this may be a good time to workout. "Our membership has increased drastically this semester and this 'down time' may be preferable for some of you," says **Jeff Coulson**, coordinator of wellness, fitness and athletics. "We wanted to make sure there was time for faculty and staff to use the fitness center without it being overcrowded."

The fitness center offers the following incentive programs for faculty and staff:

- Make 30 visits to the center and they'll refund your \$15 user's fee.
- Get half of your office grouping (two-thirds if there are less than ten in your work group) to sign up for the fitness center and they'll provide you with a pizza in May.

More than 150 students, faculty and staff visited the center during a recent week, and "we expect the numbers to continue to increase," says Jeff. The center is ordering another treadmill to meet this higher demand.

The wellness program is also offering a tobacco cessation program to students, faculty and staff beginning Monday, February 28. The program is being led by Counselor **April Estes**. People can sign up through the Fitness Center or the Wellness Office, or see April in the Learning Assistance Center.

The fitness center and **Rebecca Clemente's** recreation and leisure classes are offering students the chance to act as personal fitness trainers to staff and faculty as their semester project. They will work with any staff member to set up an individualized fitness program.

For more information about the fitness center or wellness program, call Jeff or **Bonnie Hoffman** at extension 274.

President's Office Hours

President **Kay Sloan** will hold open office hours during the spring semester from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. on:

Wednesday, February 16
Tuesday, March 22
Wednesday, April 13
Tuesday, May 10

As always, the dates are subject to change.

Offices Closed

The business office and student services will be closed to all regular business, in person or by phone, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays beginning February 16, until further notice.

The business office and student services staffs will use this time to train on the new Banner software now being installed under the college's Title III grant.

The wiring of campus continues...

By the end of spring semester, virtually every faculty office on campus will be connected to a vast network of information, both on and off campus.

The building is now being wired so that faculty can access the new Banner software system. Access will also be provided to the Data General and electronic mail. When the college receives a "router," funded by a National Science Foundation Connection grant, it will have a direct connection to Internet, the world-wide network of academic and research institutions.

The college currently gets its Internet access via terminal connections to a computer in Boston. It's very cumbersome to communicate or move files and programs this way, says **Bob Schilling**, director of information services. The system is "very slow" coming to Greenfield from Boston, he says. The new router will significantly increase the speed. "It will be six times faster than our terminal connections."

✓ The Internet connection grant was received in December. Faculty who already have access to the system are now connected to a huge network of information. "They can speak with colleagues from anywhere in the world," Bob says. "Many scholarly documents are on-line. You can download them into your machine and print them—for free. There are on-line discussion groups in which some of the leading researchers in a given field participate, giving users the most current information available. It's like having access to the largest and most sophisticated library in the world. There's even free software which is available for downloading."

Until now, the vast majority of faculty offices in the building have not been connected to the college's administrative information system. Faculty offices and classrooms on the second, third and fourth floors in the

The college has purchased 15 new 486 33 Gateway computers with color displays and 240-meg hard drives. Plans are to add 15 new PCs in each of the next three years.

north end were wired last fall and the hardware has been installed. The new systems are on-line and functioning.

"New PCs have come in, been installed and people are being shown how to use them," says Bob. The college has purchased 15 new 486/33 Gateway computers with color displays and 240-meg hard drives. "They're wonderful, state-of-the-art machines."

Budgets will dictate how many additional machines can be purchased, but plans are to add 15 new PCs in each of the next three years, says Dean of Academic Affairs **Ira Rubenzahl**. The academic deans' staff makes the determination of where the machines will go.

The same network configuration which was installed on the north side of campus is being planned for the south end.

Faculty with access to Internet "can speak with colleagues from anywhere in the world."

The north end wiring was funded with capital money from the state Division of Capital Planning and Operations (DCPO), while the computers were purchased with local funds. The wiring and networking hardware cost just under \$100,000 and it will cost about the same for the south end. Every office receiving a new computer will also be equipped with an ink-jet printer.

President **Kay Sloan** and **Charlie Carter**, executive director of the GCC Foundation, have been working with the DCPO in Boston to secure funding for the south end wiring project.

The wiring schedule will follow the same pattern as the north end. The work will take place from 10:30 p.m. to 7 a.m. Work is not expected to begin until late March because the heating system cannot be used during the hours that wiring is being done.

"The north end wiring was totally non-intrusive," Bob Schilling says. "No one was disturbed during working hours. A little hole appeared in people's walls the first day, a couple of wires were sticking out of the hole on the second day, and a plate with jacks was covering it on the third day."

The network is being designed for people with both PCs and Macs, using their capability to run software that emulates a Data General terminal when they wish to connect to the DG via the network.

The wiring of the campus will make a number of things possible in the future, Bob says. For example:

- Ultimately PCs will be connected to the network in every classroom. When this happens, faculty will be able to create curricular materials in their offices and use them in their classrooms simply by logging on from there. They will no longer need

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Send your news items (new appointments, promotions, awards, grants, published work, weddings, births and other personal and professional accomplishments) to Bill Johnson or Russell Powell by the first Monday of the month for inclusion in that month's issue. Monday, March 7 will be the deadline for the March issue.

Plant operations change a few thousand points of light

Those folks at plant operations and energy management services were busy changing lights during inter-session. Lots of them. For example:

- In the Lecture Hall, "we replaced fifty 150-watt incandescent flood lamps with 75-watt halogen flood lamps," says **Sterling Clark**, utility plant operator.

- Lighting has been installed

on the third level of the south academic corridor over the study carrels.

- More than 4,000 electronic ballasts were replaced under the manufacturer's warranty replacement program, and "we re-lamped all three-foot-square fixtures," says Sterling.

- Installation began on a computerized energy management system. It should be ready in June.

Come and run 6.2 miles for Team GCC

There's still time to start training for the YMCA's annual ten kilometer road race, scheduled for 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 23. A one-mile Pride Stride/Frost Heaver race will begin at 9 a.m.

A number of GCC employees have already pledged to run, wearing a free GCC T-shirt to be provided by the wellness/fitness program. They

include: **Jean Boucias**, acting director of the cooperative education program, Director of Grants **Steve Budd**, Assistant Dean **Larry Dean**, Director of Marketing and Public Relations **Russell Powell**, Director of Information Services **Bob Schilling**, his wife **Debra**, and faculty members **Rebecca Clemente**, **Charlotte Gifford** and **Art Hannan**. More are welcome!

Computer access will expand classroom possibilities

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the media center to create overhead transparencies.

The classrooms are being wired now so that the wires will be in place when more machines become available.

- It will be much more practical for students to pass in their work via the computer network and have faculty correct it or provide new assignments. "We'll have a seamless, no-disk connection to the network and our academic labs," Bob says. "It will probably be easier than passing paper back and forth."

- Students may be given access to electronic mail. If this happens, this medium could be used to communicate with faculty. "Computers used to be valued primarily for their information storage and calculating abilities, but they've turned into incredible communication devices," says Bob.

- The Banner software will give faculty computerized advising capability. They'll be able to see and

print student records, have instant access to current information about classes (such as seat counts), and do computer-supported degree requirement evaluations. Bob says that it will be possible to set up the software so that a student's academic record can be evaluated against the requirements of schools to which they hope to transfer.

- In the future, faculty will be able to register enrolled students and print their course schedules right in their offices. They will have the ability to do grade reporting via the computer as well.

- When they have direct access to student records, faculty will be able to do classroom research by looking at some of the things students in a particular class have in common, such as academic history or math skills. This information may help faculty to customize their classes. There are plans, beginning as soon as next year, to allow for release time for faculty to study and implement new classroom

research projects as part of Title III.

Current plans are for the college's new building at 270 Main Street in Greenfield to have the same network access that will exist on the main campus. The wiring will be done during the renovation, whether there's equipment available to connect it to right away or not. It appears as though the two buildings will be connected by a radio link rather than a high-speed telephone link.

The new building will also include "one brand new, beautifully equipped computer classroom/lab," says Bob, who is helping to work out the design with Dean of Academic Affairs **Ira Rubenzahl**, Associate Dean **Linda Cavanaugh** and Charlie Carter. "It's our hope that we've got sufficient funds to make it a state-of-the-art multi-media classroom," says Bob. Every classroom in the Main Street building will be connected to the network.